

tell you that is too late. Now is the time for control, only now you can't see them when you drive down the road. You can't hardly see them when you walk down the sidewalk. So the time for effective control is before you can see it's out there. If I have thistles growing on my farm and I know that John Doe is going to be unhappy with me, I'm not going to run over to him and say, hey, listen, I've got thistle growing on my farm and if you want to complain, now you have to complain to the county board so they can get out there and make me do something about it, huh-uh. And if my neighbor suspicions that I have got thistle growing and he decides to do a little examination on his own, I am going to tell him, listen, Ed, you can run your nose up and down the barbed wire fence but don't be getting on my property or you're trespassing and he can't go on there. Now, there are people who can. But if he is going to have to the County Weed Board and say, do this, and if he knows I am upset, he is going to say, I'm going to be busy over by Surprise and Ulysses and then I've got to go to Octavia and then I've got to go back over to Bruno. By the time he time he gets out to my place, the thistle is going to be growed up. So you see what I am trying to say is this, you've got a tough problem and in the usual fashion of the Nebraska Legislature we are going to pass 138 probably...

SENATOR HEFNER: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...and do nothing. We are going to wash our hands of it. We are going to wash our hands of it, shove it back on the county board. And I hope that they have the problem taken care of in most of those counties. Most of them will not. Most of them will not. But starting today from my office there will be a letter go to every single county board telling them to read the bill. Now, I have to plead guilty to one other thing. Senator Wiley Remmers came over and said, Loran, read the bill, read the amendments, and so I did. And in the amendments it says the proponents of the bill as the counsel for the Ag Committee. That's fine, and Mr. Dennis Blank of the Nebraska Department of Agriculture. The opponents are Jack Mills, the Nebraska Association of County Officials; Senator Jim Pappas, District 42; Verne Barling, Nebraska Weed Control Association; and Bob Schwartzkopf, himself, representing himself. Ladies and gentlemen, I think that tells you what you need to know.

SENATOR HEFNER: Time is up.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Thank you.